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TITLE OF INVENTION GINKGO BILOBA L. LEAVES CIGARETTE					
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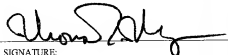
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GINKGO BILOBA L. LEAVES CIGARETTE**Technology Field of the Invention**

This invention relates to a kind of cigarette substitute, particularly, Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigarette in order to provide a new kind of cigarette for society.

Background of the Invention

Many investigations and experiments have proved that smoking is harmful to people's health.

While all the governments of the world are advocating quitting smoking and making laws to limit the producing and selling of cigarettes, scientists and tobacco technicians are making efforts to study how to lessen the cigarette's harm and develop low harm or harmless cigarettes. It is because that there are too many smokers, the complete prohibition of smoking achieved little effect. On social effect and economic return, the contradictions, smoking and health, are still existing.

In the field of production, the filter technology is usually adopted to eliminate the poisonous substances from cigarettes. Most kinds of cigarette filters are made of active charcoal fibre or vinegar acidity fibre

(see CN2174854Y and CN/088763A). Another method is in connection with cut tobacco itself. That is to treat the cut tobacco by special process (see CN 1045515A).

5 However, these ordinary methods mentioned above cannot solve the problems thoroughly.

To prevent and cure diseases, people have so far developed Argy wormwood leaf cigarette, Tea cigarette, Fiveleaf Gynostemma Herb cigarette and mixed herbal cigarette which is produced by adding eucalyptus, Dogbance leaf, Pilose Asiabell Root, Wild Mint Herb, Slen
10 derstyle Acanthopanax Root-bark, Changbai Ginseng, Fritillary Bulb, Milkvetch Root, Tremella, Lucid Ganoderma, Radish, Dwarf Lilyturf Tuber, Tall Gastraodia Tuber, Eucommia Bark, Hempleaf Negundo Chastetree, Coral and Ginger into tobacco. However, these cigarettes are not satisfactory in respect of cost, medical effect, and low
15 poisonousness. People are trying to develop a new kind of cigarette substitute which is satisfactory in the respects of cost, taste and poisonousness.

Ginkgo biloba L., which is dioecious, is of gymnosperm. It originally grows in China. Ginkgo biloba L. is the oldest tree species in
20 the world, even older than dinosaur, so it is called "live fossil". It has great vitality. In 1966 German scientist W. Schwabe discovered that

Ginkgo biloba L Leaves contain some active substances-Flavonoids and Ginkgolide, which can prevent and care angiocardopathy and nerve system diseases. From then on, the modern study on Ginkgobiloba L. Leaves' pharmacological property and application began. Scientific researches proved that Ginkgo biloba L. leaves contain a large amount of flavonoids and Ginkgolide A, B and C. Flavonoides are especially effective in curing angiocardopathy and are widely used at present. The can make the sclerosed blood vessels recover elasticity, improve the brittleness of blood vessels, dilate blood vessels and prevent the atrophy of organ functions caused by the bad circulation of blood. Ginkgolide is specific platelet activating factor antagonist. (PAF is one of the mediums of the paroxysm of many diseases.) It has the functions of making blood active and minimizing the cholesterin content in blood. It also can be used to prevent and cure the allergic diseases of breath tract. Bilobalide can straighten out cranial nerve streak and has the functions of refreshing, resisting fatigue and intensifying memory. In 1991, a Harvard scholar won the Nobel Prize for successfully synthesizing Bilobalide in laboratory. Scientists and medical experts have proved by animal experiments that many pharmaceutical substances in Ginkgo biloba L. leaves have important effects on deterring senescence and resisting diseases. Therefore,

many developed countries such as America, Korea and some European countries are speeding up to develop Ginkgo biloba Extract.

In China, several kinds of Ginkgo biloba medicines have been developed. China is the main producing country of Ginkgo biloba L. leaves, and however, the development on Ginkgo biloba L. leaves product is still in its beginning stages.

Ginkgo biloba L. leaves contain plentiful fibres. The cigarette substitute made of dry Ginkgo biloba L. leaves burns continuously and fully. Its ashes are white and fine. Its smoke is soft and dense. Its taste is good and its smell is fragrant and sweet. Its pharmaceutical active ingredients volatilize continuously at the same time of burning.

As a cigarette substitute, Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigarette also has obvious function of refreshing, but its principle is different from that of the ordinary cigarette. The smoke of the ordinary cigarette contains nicotine which can stimulate brain nerves to be excited, and make people become addicted to it. The smoke of Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigarette contains Bilobalide and other pharmaceutical active ingredients which can stimulate the brain nerve and straighten out cranial nerve system, having function of refreshing and resisting fatigue. It doesn't contain any nicotine at all. Therefore, Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigarette is not only an excellent cigarette substitute, but also an ideal product for

quitting smoking. A tobacco addict can successfully quit smoking with no agony by smoking Ginkgo biloba L. cigarette.

In view of the above-mentioned factors, Ginkgo biloba L. leaves can do good to human bodies. It contains the pharmaceutical active ingredients which can volatilize easily and its smokable property is similar to tobacco cigarette, so it is hopeful to take the place of the cigarette which contains nicotine.

A poisonousness-reduced cigarette and its producing process are disclosed in reference CN1140036A. This kind of cigarette contains the solution extract of Ginkgo biloba L. leaves, Leech, Szechwan Lovage Rhizome and other three substances. What is worth mentioning is that the substances mentioned above are sprayed onto the cut tobacco in the form of solution.

After the long-period study of the inventor, a kind of Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigarette has been developed. The raw material is Ginkgo biloba L. leaves, containing little or no tobacco. Therefore it is good to people's health and is completely different from the cigarette introduced in reference CN1140036A. As mentioned above, the cigarette's raw material of the latter is tobacco, and the solution extract is sprayed onto its surface. It is obvious that the nicotine content can not lowered at all.

Summary of the Invention

The object of this invention is to produce Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigarette using Ginkgo biloba L. leaves and to provide people with a kind of cigarette substitute which has functions of the ordinary cigarette, while it is good to people's health. It will help people to go far away from tobacco and avoid the harm brought by smoking. Ginkgo biloba L. leaves are the main material of this kind of cigarette, and, if ^{or other tobacco-used herbs} necessary, tobacco can optionally be added therein according to special requirements.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

One embodiment of this invention is to pick fresh Ginkgo biloba L. leaves from trees, process them into threads, then replace tobacco with 100 wt % dry material of this kin. Another embodiment is to blend dry Ginkgo biloba L. leaves with a percentage of more than 50 weight and tobacco ^{or other tobacco-used herbs} with a percentage of less than 50 weight together.

The process therefor includes producing pure Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigarette or complex Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigarette by means of ordinary process for producing cigarette.

Example 1

Use ~~dry~~^{dry-cured} processed Ginkgo biloba L. leaves, ~~flue-cure~~^{flue-cure} them, then cut them into threads after moist-cured by means of ordinary process for producing cigarette.

the pure Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigarette can be produced.

5 Example 2

Use ~~dry~~ processed Ginkgo biloba L. leaves, flue-cure them, then cut them into threads or pieces after moist-cured. Using the ordinary cigar wrappers, the Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigar can be produced.

Example 3

10 Use ~~dry~~ processed Ginkgo biloba L. leaves 50Kg, cut them into threads or pieces after moist-cured, then add ordinary tobacco 5Kg, then blend them together. By means of the ordinary process for producing cigarette, the mixed cigarette can be produced.

Test Example 1

15 1. object of the test:

To test mouse peroral toxicity of Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigarette.

2. Material and method: Horn method is adopted.

Use Mice of Qunming (a province of China) species provided by standard animal laboratory, 18~21 g weight, and half male and half female. The samples to be tested are made up with distilled water, orally fill into stomach in one dose, and observe them for one week.

3. Result

dosage	10000	4640	2150	1000mg/Kg
female	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5
male	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5

10 Adopting Horn method, the result is as below: LD50 of this sample is higher than 10000mg/Kg.

4. Conclusion: The sample is non-toxic.

Test Example 2: Flue gas analysis.

Test Content: Nicotine content.

15 Based Standards of Test: GB/T5606.1 5606.2-1996

GB5606.3-5606.6-1996

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Average Smoke Times: 14.6

Moisture Content (mg/cigarette): 2.24

Nicotine (mg/cigarette): 0.00

Conclusion: There is no nicotine in the smoke.

Industrial Applicability

Because the flavolides, Ginkgolide and bilobalide contained in Ginkgo biloba L. leaves are easy to volatilize, and while the cigarette is burning the temperature is becoming lower and lower from the burning end to the filter, the pharmaceutical active ingredients contained in the cigarette can volatilize with smoke before being destroyed for being overheated. These ingredients are absorbed into human body and go into blood circulation by lung. Smoking Ginkgo biloba L. leaves have obvious effects on preventing hypertension and angiocardopathy, recovering from fatigue, refreshing, stimulating appetite and improving sleep. Long-term smoking of this kind of cigarette substitute can prevent and cure senile dementia disease, hypertension, heart disease, arteriosclerosis, cerebral and brain function failing. It is helpful to intensify memory, build up a good physique and deter senescence.

The pure Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigarette has a good taste, the passive smoker can easily smell its fragrance. As containing no tobacco, it can avoid the harm brought by nicotine and can be used as an ideal product for quitting smoking tobacco cigarette.

Therefore, the invention of Ginkgo biloba L. leaves is very important to solve the problems of smoking an passive smoking. The Ginkgo biloba L. leaves can be picked artificially. The cigarettes can be produced with ordinary technology. What is more important is that its
5 application can bring us great social effects and economic returns.

CLAIMS

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1. Cigarette produced by Ginkgo biloba L. leaves, characterized in that the cigarette comprises Ginkgo biloba L. leaves as its material, if necessary, Tobacco can be optionally added therein.

2. The Ginkgo biloba L. leaves cigarette according to claim 1, wherein the cigarette contains 50wt%~100wt% Ginkgo biloba L. leaves as its material.

ABSTRACT

This invention provides a kind of cigarette substitute which is called Ginkgo Biloba L. leaves cigarette. It not only has the function of refreshing, but also is good to people's health. It avoids the harm which is brought to human bodies by the poisonous substances in tobacco. Because Ginkgo biloba L. leaves contain a large amount of flavenoids and Ginkgolide which are good to human bodies, and these pharmaceutical active ingredients are easy to volatilize and can be absorbed into lung, then good effects will be done. The smoke of this kind of cigarette is soft and dense, and it can prevent and cure hypertension, heart disease, arteriosclerosis and senile dementia disease. This kind of cigarette can be produced by ordinary technology.

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LEAVES CIGARETTE**PRELIMINARY
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, line 8, after "tobacco" please insert --or other tobacco-used herbs--; and

line 15, after "tobacco" please insert --or other tobacco-used herbs--.

Page 7, line 1, please delete "dry" and please change "flue-cure" to --dry-cured--;

line 2, after "moist-cured" please insert --, add therein different scent of

perfumes and accretions if needed--;

line 6, please delete "dry";

line 7, after "moist-cured" please insert , add therein different scent of

A₂ perfumes and accretions if needed;

line 10, please delete "dry";

line 12, after "together" please insert , add therein different scent of

A₃ perfumes and accretions if needed; and

after line 13, please add the following paragraph:

↳ Example 4

Use processed Ginkgo biloba L. leaves 50kg, cut them into threads or pieces after moist-cured, then add wild mint or Fiveleaf Erynostemma 15kg, then blend them together, add therein different scent of perfumes and accretions if needed. By means of the ordinary process for producing cigarette, another mixed cigarette can be produced.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 and cancel Claim 2 as follows:

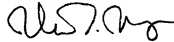
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1. (Amended) Cigarette produced by Ginkgo biloba L. leaves, characterized in that the cigarette comprises Ginkgo biloba L. leaves as its material, if necessary, [Tobacco] tobacco or tobacco-used herbs can be optionally added therein, wherein the said material contains 50wt%~100wt% Ginkgo biloba L. leaves.

Please cancel Claim 2.

REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the application in condition for examination. Entry of the amendments and examination of the application are hereby respectfully requested.

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GINKGO BILOBA L. LEAVES CIGARETTE

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Application Serial No.

Filing Date

Status - patented,
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint Thomas T. Moga, Reg. No. 34,881, and each principal, attorney of counsel, associate and employee of Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C., who is a registered Patent Attorney, my attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. I request the Patent and Trademark Office to direct all correspondence and telephone calls relative to this application to Harness, Dickey & Pierce, P.L.C., P. O. Box 828, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303 (248) 641-1600.

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